



They will know us by our Love John 13:35



March Fighter Verse: Hebrews 12:14

Make every effort to live in peace with everyone and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING DEACON AND TRUSTEE VOTE

Tuesday, March 5 @ 7pm via Zoom to vote in New Deacons:
Kimberly Casteline, Esther Romero and Jean Thelusme.

Deacon Re-election: Otis Coleman and Michelle Newkirk.

Trustee: Myrna Phillips Gibson

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

OUR WORSHIP

IN-PERSON

LIVESTREAM, FACEBOOK & YOUTUBE @ 11:00AM
www.centralbaptistnyc.org

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult Sunday School 9:45AM via Zoom

Youth Sunday School 11:15AM

Kindergarten to 12th Grade

—2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays.

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March Theme: The Holiness of God

MARCH 10, 2024

WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE

Celebrating the Dedication and Service of
God's Daughters

11:00 am worship service

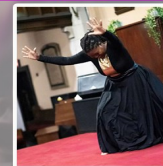
12:30 pm light lunch and women's health
presentation

Optional attire: White with purple accent

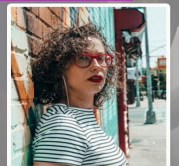
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DR. AMY DAVIS ABDALLAH
SPEAKER



CBC PRAISE
DANCE



LEAH JAMES
SPOKEN WORD

Monthly Ministry Opportunity



Back Row: Omari Pusey, Ron Pusey, Carlos Tejeda, Jason Woodard. Front Row: Coral Aubert, Laura Woodard, Pastor Robert Casteline, Sharrata Hunt, Stephanie Cunningham.

Ever month a group of us will bring a Baptist worship service to the patients and residents of Riverside. In January, ten of us (8 adults and two children) went in to visit. However, due to a lack of space, we were unable to write a report for the February Newsletter. During that visit we all talked, sang and prayed with the residents. Pastor Robert delivered a short message and shared the gospel. It was a great time of worship and fellowship.

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Ministry Opportunity— Riverside Rehab—Continued from page 1

This is an excellent opportunity to serve. Sign up in the lobby of the church and join us in this ministry. You don't have to sing or speak. All you have to do is be there to show the love of Christ to the residents of Riverside.

Each third Saturday we will meet at the church at 10:00AM and go over to the facility. The calendar for the next four months is below. Choose a date, join us, be a blessing and be blessed.

March 16	April 20	May 18	June 15
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March Devotional

FAITH

by Debby Holland Diaz MA ThM

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness goodness, **faith** meekness, temperance. – Galatians 4: 21-22. (KJV)

“But when the Son of Man comes, will he find **faith** on the earth?”-- Luke 18:8b (NIV)

Jesus asks his disciples this question at the end of what is known as The Parable of the Unjust Judge, Luke 18: 1-8. Verse 1 tells us Jesus gave them this parable because of their “need to pray and to never give up” (Williams translation,) or as the New Revised Standard Version says “not to lose heart.” (NRSV)

Using, this parable, Jesus Christ points ALL of His disciples, then and now, toward **faith!** Jesus describes how a widow-woman never gives up, never loses heart. Jesus then contrasts an unjust human judge with our Just and Perfect God!

That judge, verse 2, had neither “reverence for God,” (Williams) nor “respect for anybody, (*ni consideracion para nadie*,” NVI/*Nueva Version Internacional*.) Even so, he gave in to the widow-woman’s repeated demands, “lest,” she wear him out! Here, the KJV and six other scholarly translations of the New Testament are remarkably similar. This verse (5) shows how a bad man ends up doing the right thing for selfish reasons: so that he won’t be, “bothered” anymore. (NIV/New International Version.)

In contrast, in verse 7 our Good God wants to give justice and protection to God’s “own people” (Williams,) to God’s “chosen ones” (NIV and NRSV,) to God’s “elect.” (KJV) That

mean us, doesn’t it? Are we not all chosen by God to be loved by God?

And yet! After all this, Jesus asks if He, God’s Own Incarnation, will find on Earth **faith** among humans! We are human, aren’t we? Is Jesus telling us to be like the woman by continuing to give God, The Supreme Judge ALL of our petitions, prayer requests and demands? And yet, at the same time is Jesus Christ challenging us to believe that God will give us God’s justice in this life?

Let us return to the eighth verse of the Eighteenth Chapter of the Gospel of Luke for an answer. Jesus aims for us to **keep on praying and not lose heart!** Is that phrase not the heart of the definition of **faith**?

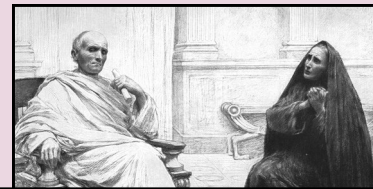


Image Source: <https://rectorspage.wordpress.com/2019/10/20/the-widow-and-the-unjust-judge/>

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

Below is Luke 18:1-8 the main scripture referenced in this month’s devotional. Use it to read the highlighted verses and reflect. Along with Faith, this scripture tells us to pray. We are to pray without ceasing. We are making Prayer a priority here at Central. See the Announcements on page 3 for all the opportunities to pray and *Praying Together* on page 8 where you find a place to record prayer requests and answers to prayer.

Luke 18:1-8 (NIV)

Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up. ²He said: “In a certain town there was a judge who neither feared God nor cared what people thought. ³And there was a widow in that town who kept coming to him with the plea, ‘Grant me justice against my adversary.’

⁴“For some time he refused. But finally he said to himself, ‘Even though I don’t fear God or care what people think, ⁵yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will see that she gets justice, so that she won’t eventually come and attack me!’”

⁶And the Lord said, “Listen to what the unjust judge says. ⁷And will not God bring about justice for his chosen ones, who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? ⁸I tell you, he will see that they get justice, and quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Opportunities to come together to learn, pray and fellowship.

BIBLE STUDY

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Adult

9:45AM— In person and via Zoom

<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Phone: 646-558-8656

Youth

11:15AM

2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays

In-Person OR

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

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WEDNESDAY IN THE WORD

Current Study: 1 Corinthians

7:00—8:00PM

Wednesday Night Bible study is a great way to keep your heart and mind on God! Join us for an interactive, in-depth reflection on the scriptures and how they can be applied to your life.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Join Zoom by Phone: 646-558-8656

7 PM on Zoom

TALK
BACK

Tuesday

Join us as we explore Holiness.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://zoom.us/j/6831601413>

Or dial in on your phone:
(646) 558-8656
Enter the meeting ID 683 160 1413 when prompted.

Study and be eager and do your utmost to present yourself to God approved (tested by trial), a workman who has no cause to be ashamed, correctly analyzing and accurately dividing [rightly handling and skillfully teaching] the Word of Truth.

2 Timothy 2:16

Amplified Bible, Classic Edition
(AMP)

Activities and Senior Ministry Events



NEW AT CENTRAL!

PICKLEBALL

Saturdays 10-11:30A in Lower Gym

Open to the public.

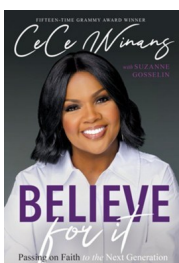
All levels. Equipment available.

SENIOR MONTHLY LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 16 @ 2:00pm

Location: The Parlor

All seniors 55 and older are invited to join us.



SENIOR BOOK CLUB

Saturday, March 2, 2024 (Cancelled)

Next Meeting: Saturday April 6, 2024

2:00pm to 4:00pm

Miss Ann's Room

Believe For It: Passing on Faith to the Next Generation by CeCe Winans



Senior Ministry Exercise Program

Time: 11:00am to 11:45am

Location: Chapel

March 9, 23, and 30

CBC Senior's Ministry

Invites you to:

"DANIEL"

Sight & Sound Theatre

Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Saturday, July 20, 2024

Cost: \$230.00 Per

Person (Deposit and 2 Payment)

See Otis Coleman for availability and payment plan.



March Birthdays



Viola Holmes	Mar 3
Lisa Phillips	Mar 4
Cristal Tejada	Mar 5
Adelle Marcelin	Mar 7
Jahzara Bryant	Mar 9
Elijah Rivera	Mar 11
Kristy Fils-Aime	Mar 14
Evelyn Trowell	Mar 17
Nadja Hicks	Mar 19
Jordan Winn	Mar 19
Diane Singleton	Mar 20
Willana Mack	Mar 20
Brandon Valentin Griffin	Mar 21
Charles Smith	Mar 23
Mamie Murray	Mar 27

Blessings to you and may you feel the presence of the Lord as you celebrate your special day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<https://chatbooks.com/blog/religious-birthday-wishes>

For by me your days will be multiplied, And years of life will be added to you.—Proverbs 9:11

<https://www.shutterfly.com/ideas/religious-birthday-wishes/>



PRAYER MEETINGS

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "POWER HOUR"

Sunday, March 18 @ 12:30PM
Join the Zoom meeting by phone at
646-558-8656

EVENING PRAYER

Meeting the last Friday of the month
Friday, March 23 @ 7:00PM
In Person in the Parlor or
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://zoom.us/j/6831601413> or
In-Dial into the Zoom Meeting phone number:
646-558-8656

Prayer Wall

WE BELIEVE IN THE POWER OF PRAYER. LET'S INTERCEDE FOR ONE ONE ANOTHER .



As you place your prayer request on the wall, take a prayer with you to interceded for someone else.

The Prayer Wall is located at the 92nd Street entrance on the bulletin board on your right as you enter the sanctuary.

PRAYER MEETINGS BY CONFERENCE PHONE

(609) 746-1164
Access Code: 667293#
Monday — Thursday
6-6:30 AM

See the Newsletter Prayer Journal on Page 8.

MID-WEEK PRAYER

Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#

CORPORATE PRAYER FOR THE BUILDING PROJECT

The leaders of Central Baptist Church are asking you to join us for prayer on Wednesdays at 12PM for corporate prayer. We will be praying specifically about the building project as well as anything you would like. Please note this is not a time to discuss the details of the project but to pray. If you have questions about the project, please call the church to speak to Pastor Fils-Aime.

We will be using the prayer line phone number:
(609) 746-1164 Passcode: 667293#

About Prayer

Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:16

Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7

**Women's History Month — Unsung Hero
MARIA W. STEWART**

Maria W. Stewart was listed on the 2007 African American Heritage calendar published by New York Life insurance under the heading Distinguished African Americans. "Mrs. Stewart, uneducated, impelled by strong religious beliefs, was an outspoken abolitionist." Of the articles I perused, none mentioned her strong faith. However, in reading from the pages of her "Meditations...", there could be no doubt that she was a woman who had given her life to Christ and a role model we as women of faith should know about.

Sharrata Hunt

Maria W. Stewart, best known as one of the earliest female public speakers, was born Maria Miller in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1803. Her parents' first names and occupations are not known. Stewart was orphaned by age five and became an indentured servant, serving a clergyman until she was fifteen. She also attended Connecticut Sabbath schools and taught herself to read and write.



In 1826 Miller married James W. Stewart. Her husband, a shipping agent, had served in the War of 1812 and had spent some time in England as a prisoner of war. With her marriage, she became part of Boston's small free black middle class and soon became involved in some of its institutions including the Massachusetts General Colored Association, which worked for immediate abolition of slavery. When James W. Stewart died in 1829, the white executors of her husband's will took her inheritance through legal actions, leaving her penniless.

Soon after Boston abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison established his newspaper, *The Liberator*, in January 1831, he specifically called for black women to write in its pages. Stewart was the

first woman to respond, and, by the summer of 1831, he published her first essay, *Religion and the Pure Principles of Morality*, as a pamphlet. Building on that notoriety, Stewart launched her public speaking career at a time when women were banned from speaking in public, especially to audiences that included men.

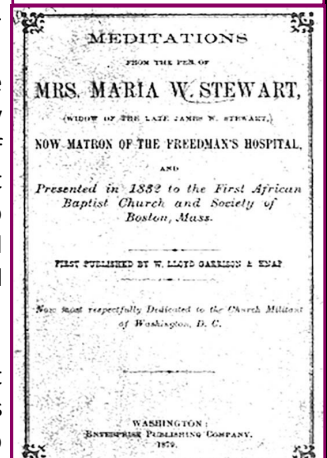
In her first address, in April 1832, Stewart spoke before a women-only audience at the African American Female Intelligence Society, an institution founded by the free black community of Boston. Speaking to that audience, she used the Bible to defend her right to speak and lectured on religion, justice, and equality.

On September 21, 1832, Stewart delivered a second lecture, this time to an audience that also included men. She spoke at Franklin Hall, the site of the New England Anti-Slavery Society meetings. She called for civil rights for northern blacks and questioned emigration to Africa, which was then promoted by the American Colonization Society.

Garrison published both speeches in the pages of *The Liberator*. He published the text of her speeches there, putting them into the Ladies Department. He also published a second pamphlet of her writings as *Meditations from the Pen of Mrs. Maria W. Stewart*.

On February 27, 1833, Stewart delivered her third public lecture, "African Rights and Liberty," at the African Masonic Hall. Her fourth and final Boston lecture before

*Meditations from the pen of
Mrs. Maria W. Stewart*



(Washington, Enterprise Publishing Company, 1832)

moving to New York was a "Farewell Address" on September 21, 1833, when she addressed the negative reaction that her public speaking had provoked, expressing both her dismay at having little effect, and her sense of divine call to speak publicly.

In 1835 Garrison published a pamphlet with her four speeches plus some essays and poems, titling it *Productions of Mrs. Maria W. Stewart*. All the pamphlets created a much wider audience for Stewart's work and inspired other white and black abolitionist women to become orators.

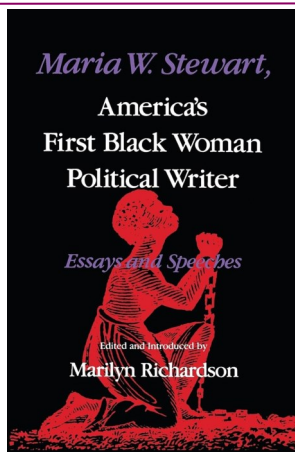
After moving to New York City, Stewart remained an activist, attending, for example, the 1837 Women's Anti-slavery Convention, but she never again spoke in public. She supported herself by teaching in public schools in Manhattan and Brooklyn and eventually became an assistant principal of the Williamsburg School in Brooklyn.

Apparently after losing her teaching position in New York, Stewart moved to Baltimore in 1852 or 1853. There, she taught privately. In 1861, she moved to Washington, D.C., where she taught school again during the Civil War. Around 1870 Stewart was appointed to head housekeeping at the Freedmen's Hospital and Asylum in Washington, D.C. Following Sojourner Truth in the post, she managed the cleaning staff.

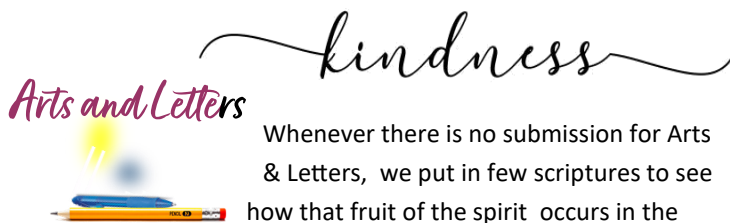
In 1878 when she was seventy-five, Stewart began receiving an eight-dollar-a-month widow's pension based on her husband's service in the U.S. Navy in the War of 1812. She used the pension, including some retroactive payments, to republish *Meditations from the Pen of Mrs. Maria W. Stewart*, adding material about her life during the Civil War. The book was published in December 1879 just before her death on December 17 in the Freedman's Hospital.

Dixon, Euell. 11/February 2007. BlackPast. Accessed 27/February 2024.
<<https://www.blackpast.org/african-american-history/people-african-american-history/stewart-maria-miller-1803-1879>>

An additional resource to learn more about
Maria W. Stewart



Maria W. Stewart, America's First Black Woman Political Writer: Essays and Speeches (Blacks in the Diaspora)
Paperback – November 22, 1987 by Marilyn Richardson (Editor)



Whenever there is no submission for Arts & Letters, we put in few scriptures to see how that fruit of the spirit occurs in the Word.

This is what the LORD says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this:

that they have the understanding to know me,
that I am the LORD, who exercises **kindness**,
justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight,"
declares the LORD. Jeremiah 9:23-24 (NIV)

It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.

I led them with cords of human **kindness**, with ties of love.
To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them. Hosea 11:3-4 (NIV)

Once safely on shore, we found out that the island was called Malta. The islanders showed us unusual **kindness**. They built a fire and welcomed us all because it was raining and cold. Paul gathered a pile of brushwood and, as he put it on the fire, a viper, driven out by the heat, fastened itself on his hand. Acts 28:1-3 (NIV)

Here there is no Gentile or Jew, circumcised or uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave or free, but Christ is all, and is in all.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, **kindness**, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. Colossians 3:11-13 (NIV)

The calendar for this season with the deadline for submissions is below. We have the submissions for this For visual artwork please note the title, medium, and size of the piece, and how it expresses the fruit you feel it represents. Written pieces should be no more than 250-300 words. An email address especially for newsletter submissions will be set up going into 2024. In the meantime, you can send your submissions to sm-hunt@hotmail.com.

We covet your prayers for an inspiring season ahead and spiritual growth through the arts.

SUBMISSION SCHEDULE		
NEWSLETTER ISSUE	FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT	LAST DAY TO SUBMIT
April	Faithfulness	March 26, 2024
May	Gentleness	April 22, 2024
June	Self-Control	May 22, 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 2024 <i>USE THIS CALENDAR TO MARK DAYS YOU WANT TO REMEMBER.</i>					1 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	2 9:30-11:30A-Pickleball
3 9:45A ---Adult Sunday School 11A-SUNDAY WORSHIP	4 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	5 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7P-CONGREGATIONAL MEETING—VOTING Deacons and Trustee	6 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	7 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	8 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	9 9:30-11:30A-Pickleball 11A-12P-Senior Exercise—Chapel
10 9:45A ---Adult Sunday School 11A-WOMEN'S DAY SERVICE SUNDAY WORSHIP and LUNCHEON 1P-Women's Day Event	11 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	12 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call 7PM-Tuesday Talk Back	13 Conference call 12P-Midweek Prayer-Phone; 7P-Wed Nite Bible Study—ZOOM	14 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	15 6-6:30A Prayer on Conference call	16 9:30-11:30A-Pickleball 10A-RIVERSIDE REHAB (Meet at Central) 2-4PM -SENIOR LUNCHEON, PARLOR
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**Keep
Central's
finances in
prayer!**

**\$40,000.00 as
of February
2024**

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN



To help offset the costs of the repairs, we kindly request that EACH MEMBER contributes in one of the following ways in addition to your regular giving:

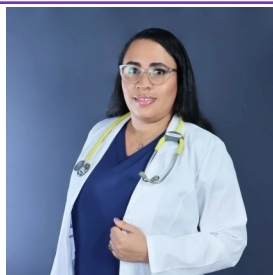
- A one-time donation of \$640 or more
- For those who may not be able to make a one-time donation, we ask that you consider making a monthly donation of \$80
- Or a \$20 weekly donation over the next 8 months

\$100K

2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH



Dr. Azucena Matuté
World Outreach Ministries

Dr. Azucena Matuté decided to study medicine and use her education to serve God through missions. As a Doctor of medicine and surgery, she works evangelizing children and adults in the remote regions of Panama. Her vision is to enter communities where the gospel cannot reach. She provides medical care and at the same time provides spiritual help, by teaching the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ. Some updates: The Divala soup kitchen was completed and provides food to children and young people. They ended the year being able to provide each child with a toy and a bag of food and were grateful that she is contributing to the elimination of malnutrition within the community. At the start of 2024, utilizing her father's pickup truck, Dr. Azucena alongside other volunteers and her dad, went up the mountain to the community of Hato Pilon to treat many sick people and deliver the word of God, but on the way back the truck lost power and began to overheat. They were able to restart the truck, but it suffered damage and needs to be taken to a mechanic.

Some of the prayer requests/projects:

- Prayers to repair my dad's pickup truck.
- Continue to pray for the purchase of a pickup truck that will allow her to travel into less favorable communities of the mountains.
- Obtain a donation of \$80 per day to give food to the children in the Divala community.
- Prayers that volunteer doctors will join for the May 2024 medical project.

You may contact Dr. Matuté via
www.worldoutreach.org/858.

Remember, 10% of Central's tithes and offerings go to support our missionaries.

Praying Together

Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

Psalm 25:4-5

With so many opportunities to pray corporately with one another, one of our goals is to provide the information you need to remember the various requests and praise reports.

Create Your Own Prayer Journal

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Fils-Aime

Pastor Robert Casteline

Willana Mack Hudson

Deacons & Elders

Ministries

Missionaries

Members and Friends of
Central

Sick and Shut-in

Prayer Requests and Answers

CITY, STATE & COUNTRY

New York City

Leadership of NYC, State
and Country

The World and personal
circumstances

Newsletter Staff: Pastor Robert Casteline, Oversight; Paulette Forbes-Igharo and Sharrata Hunt. Special thanks to Debby Diaz, Tanya Glenn, and Edwina Chambers.

